

## ***FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET***

**Meeting Date:** Aug 30, 2012

**Agenda Item:** ARM rules for the Nonresident Deer Licenses Separated from Big Game Combination Licenses

**Division:** Finance-Licensing

**Action Needed:** Final approval

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 10 Minutes

### **Background**

State law allows the commission to separate the Class B-7 license from the Class B-10 license and sell the separated license as a Class B-11 license. Historically the commission has adopted annual rules regarding the procedure to issue these licenses year after year without any changes or controversy. On May 24, 2012, the commission proposed the language contained in the annual rule as administrative rules rather than addressing the rules annually.

### **Public Involvement Process & Results**

A hearing was scheduled and held on June 22, 2012, with no public attendance. The commission received only one comment from the public which stated: "Agreed! Let's make sure Montana Hunters are served first, and the deer numbers of whitetails can rebound!"

### **Alternatives and Analysis**

Rules are required to sell the separated licenses. The commission can continue to address the rules annually or adopt the proposed administrative rule language.

### **Agency Recommendation & Rationale**

FWP recommends the commission adopt the proposed administrative rules for the nonresident deer licenses separated from big game combination licenses.

### **Proposed Motion**

I move the commission adopt the proposed administrative rule for the nonresident deer licenses separated from big game combination licenses.